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SUBJECT: PROTEST BY GDR MISSION OVER POUCH INCIDENT

1. GERHARD RICHTER, COUNSELLOR, GDR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, VISITED USUN AFTERNOON JAN 25, 1978, TO FILE PROTEST CONCERNING INCIDENT INVOLVING GDR POUCH, WHICH OCCURRED AT JFK AIRPORT ON JAN 19, 1978.

2. ACCORDING TO RICHTER, AT ABOUT 8:15 PM, TWO GDR DIPLOMATIC COURIERS, KRAUSE AND RAMMACHER, WENT TO GATE 12 AT JFK AIRPORT TO BOARD KLM FLIGHT KL 642. DURING SECURITY CHECK, U.S. OFFICIALS ON DUTY ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE DEMANDED THAT COURIERS BREAK SEALS AND OPEN DIPLOMATIC POUCHES THEY WERE CARRYING BY HAND.

3. COURIERS PRODUCED DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, AND CALLED ATTENTION TO ARTICLE 27 OF VIENNA CONVENTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHEN U.S. OFFICIALS INSISTED ON OPENING SEALED DIPLOMATIC BAGS, GDR COURIERS DECIDED NOT TO BOARD FLIGHT AND RETURNED TO GDR MISSION.

4. FOLLOWING DAY, GDR MISSION COURIERS USED DIFFERENT  
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AIRLINE, WERE NOT DISTURBED, AND FLEW ON TO THEIR  
DISTRIBUTION.

5. WE ARE REQUESTING REPORT FROM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES  
AT JFK AIRPORT AND WILL INFORM YOU OF RESULTS OF  
INVESTIGATION.  
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